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SUBJECT: GOR REQUEST FOR CCC FINANCING

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR NICOLAE TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE DALE HATHAWAY DATED JANUARY 5. BEGIN TEXT. I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES TO ASK THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO APPROVE AND TO OPEN A CCC CREDIT LINE FOR ROMANIA IN ORDER TO BUY 100,000 TONS OF SOYABEANS. SUCH QUANTITY OF SOYABEANS IS FOR ROMANIAN DOMESTIC NEEDS; IT WILL BE IMPORTED IN PERIOD OF APRIL-AUGUST, 1978. HAVING IN MIND THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES, THE PROVISIONS OF THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE PROTOCOL ON DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE, CONCLUDED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1975 BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE MINUTES OF THE ROMANIAN-U.S. AGRICULTURAL WORKING GROUP'S SESSION, SIGNED IN BUCHAREST ON MAY 26,

1977, I EXPRESS MY CONFIDENCE THAT THIS CCC CREDIT LINE COULD BE OPENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION. END TEXT.

2. LETTER OF REPLY TO NICOLAE FROM AGRICULTURE GENERAL SALES MANAGER KELLY M. HARRISON, DATED JANUARY 18, AS FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT. ON BEHALF OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HATHAWAY, WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 5 REQUESTING FINANCING FOR 100,000 TONS OF SOYBEANS UNDER THE CCC EXPORT CREDIT SALES PROGRAM. WE SHALL BE HAPPY TO GIVE THIS REQUEST OUR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO PRESENT THIS TO THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND FINANCIAL POLICIES. AS YOU KNOW, THE DATA NEEDED HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR EMBASSY.

WE SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU FURTHER ON THIS MATTER. END TEXT.

3. FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF FASTO 01 SENT BELGRADE JANUARY 9. BEGIN TEXT. 1. RECEIVED REQUEST FROM ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. FOR 100,000 MT OF SOYBEANS BUT NO DATA NEEDED FOR USDA TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF REQUEST WAS PROVIDED. 2. WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY/WAND IN BUCHAREST RE SUPPORTING DATA NEEDED FOR USDA TO JUSTIFY FINANCING TO ANY COUNTRY, WE PROVIDED THIS MATERIAL IN OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LETTER OF JUNE 29, 1977, AND REMINDED EMBASSY/W ON THIS POINT WITHIN LAST 30 DAYS. WE ARE AGAIN ADVISING ROMANIAN EMBASSY HERE. 3. INFORMATION ON SUPPLY-USE AND IMPORTS BY SOURCE FROM THE MOST RECENT 5 YEARS AND PROJECTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR; PLANNED IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. IN THE CURRENT YEAR AND THE PERCENTAGE PLANNED FOR CASH ARE ALL NEEDED BEFORE WE CAN SEEK APPROVAL. 4. YOUR COOPERATION IN OBTAINING THE NEEDED INFORMATION WILL BE APPRECIATED. END TEXT.

- 4. REGRET DELAY IN PROVIDING EMBASSY WITH ABOVE TEXTS.
- 5. WE LOOK FORWARD TO EMBASSY REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT, AS PROMISED PARA 9 OF BUCHAREST 306. VANCE

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